



# EAST KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY

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## OCTOBER 2017

- 30<sup>th</sup> Skating Field Trip - South Surrey Arena 1:00-2:00
- 31<sup>st</sup> Costume Parade 8:35  
Pumpkin Carving 8:50
- 31<sup>st</sup> Pumpkin Party for students 1:30-2:25

## NOVEMBER 2017

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pro-D Day - School Not In Session
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PAC Purdy's Fundraiser Starts 
- 6<sup>th</sup> Individual Photo Retakes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Assembly 9:45 - Everyone welcome
- 8<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting at 2:30
- 10<sup>th</sup> Pro-D Day - School Not In Session
- 13<sup>th</sup> School Not In Session for Remembrance Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Skating Field Trip - South Surrey Arena 9:00-10:00
- 24<sup>th</sup> Hot Lunch
- 30<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal at 1:25

## DECEMBER 2017

- 5<sup>th</sup> Skating Field Trip - South Surrey Arena 1:15-2:15
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Hot Lunch
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Last Day of Classes before Winter Break

## OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 EAST KENSINGTON CHRONICLE

### HALLOWEEN



The children are very excited that Halloween is around the corner! I know some of the children have been planning their costumes for weeks! I just want to remind parents that **replica or toy weapons are not allowed at school** even if they are a part of their Halloween costumes. We also ask that **face masks not cover the entire face** for safety's sake.

We are fortunate that International Herb has donated pumpkins to the EK Students today. This is a long-held tradition at EK. Pumpkins will be sent home to be cleaned and seeded. Bring the cleaned pumpkins back on October 31st.

Students will come in costume that day. First thing in the morning, we will have a costume parade in the gym so all the students and parents can see each other's costumes. Then we will stay in the gym to carve the pumpkins. Parents are welcome to stay and help carve. Students may remove part of their costumes or cover them with an apron so they don't get pumpkin flesh on them.

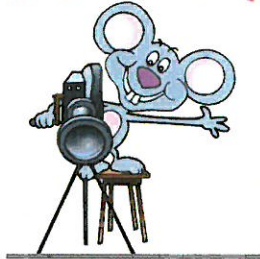


**REMINDER: Skating Field Trip**  
**Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
We leave the school by 12:30.

**Helmets are mandatory for adults  
and children. Bike helmets are not  
acceptable.**



**SAY CHEESE!**



**Individual Picture retakes are on November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

If your child did not have their picture taken or if you were not happy with their photo this is your chance to have a new one taken. The photographer will be here first thing in the morning for a short time only

### **Cash Online**

East Kensington is moving toward a **cash-free payment** process starting **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. This will save time for school staff who have had to collect, count and deposit cash and cheques at the bank. **School Cash Online** is an easy to use, safe way to pay for your child's field trips, planners, and class fees from home. Your child will no longer have to carry cash to school and you will have a record of all payments you make for the year. There will be no more rummaging around to find coins and small bills! As of November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be able to accept credit card payments!

**Register for an account** at the site below:  
<https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>

*If you need assistance there is a toll free support line:*

**1.866.961.1803**

# Halloween “Trick or Treat” Safety Tips

**Have a fun and safe Halloween!**

## Costume safety

- Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with reflective tape and give each child a flashlight. Carry a glow stick that can be worn around the neck or wrist.
- Make sure your child can see. Use face paint instead of masks.
- To prevent falling, costumes should not be longer than your child’s ankle.



## Trick or treating safety

- Walk in groups and stay together. Visit houses on one side of the street at a time.
- Cross only at an intersection or at a marked crosswalk.
- Never walk out between cars to cross the street and never cross in the middle of the block.
- Children should stay in populated and well-lit areas and only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should never go inside any house.
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergencies.
- Examine your children’s candy before they eat it. Throw out any treats that are not wrapped.



## Driving safety

- If you are driving on Halloween night, be extra careful. Slow down and look ahead. Be aware of your surroundings. Children are excited on Halloween and may forget some of the safety rules.
- Pay more attention to intersections and crosswalks.
- Be prepared to stop for kids who may run out in front of you.
- Remember that there will be more foot traffic on Halloween night and most of it will be excited young children.
- If you are going to be attending an office party or an adult Halloween celebration, don’t drive if you have been drinking.

**An adult should always supervise younger children.**



## Safe Schools Department

14033 – 92 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3V 0B7 • Tel: (604) 595-6196

October 26, 2017

Dear Neighbour,

**Re: Safe Schools Halloween Initiative**

As you know, Halloween is approaching. I am writing to request whatever assistance you can provide to help us keep our schools and neighbourhood from being vandalized.

In the last school year, the Surrey School District took close to **\$317,052.59** out of its budget (our taxes) to repair acts of vandalism. This money could have supported our students in many different ways. The Surrey School Board remains focused on reducing this expense.

While we do our best to educate young people to convince them of the senselessness of vandalism, we are also looking for other ways to deter vandalism on our schools and in the area. One approach is to enlist our neighbours' help to watch for anyone "hanging around" our schools, particularly after dark on Halloween.

For many years, the school district has organized patrols of district staff (including trustees) in which small groups take shifts of an hour or two to walk around the grounds of the school. This small effort does a great deal to deter youth from even approaching our schools.

Please help us out by keeping your eyes and ears open to any activity at our schools and don't hesitate to notify us if you notice people milling about. If there is obvious, active vandalism taking place, please immediately notify police by calling 9-1-1. We also welcome your call to a special Surrey School District phone number set-up for Halloween at **604-677-3890** to report any suspicious activity so a security patrol can be dispatched.

School vandalism affects our entire neighbourhood. Defaced walls or damaged property can be seen by everyone. News reports about such activity generate a public perception about our neighbourhood. Vandals allowed to congregate at a school typically spread their activities to neighbouring homes and vehicles. Vandals frequently choose to return and congregate where they have not encountered any deterrents in the past.

***Please join us as we demonstrate to vandals that they are not welcome at our schools, or in our neighbourhood!***

Thank you for your help.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Rai", written over a circular scribble.

Rob Rai  
Director, School & Community Connections

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff McMillan", written in a cursive style.

Jeff McMillan  
Manager, Security/Infrastructure